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## **ILLINOIS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY POSSESSION**

Jacksonville, FL - On June 11, 2007, Christopher Andrew Piasecki pled guilty in federal court in Jacksonville to a charge of possession of child pornography. Piasecki, age 20, now a resident of a suburb of Chicago, Illinois, lived in Jacksonville up until February 2007. Piasecki faces a maximum penalty of up to 10 years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 in fine.

According to the plea agreement filed in court, on December 11, 2006, an investigator with the State of Florida Attorney General's Office began investigating the distribution of child pornography through an Internet-based file sharing program. During this investigation, it was determined that a computer in a residence located at 2054 Riverside Avenue in Jacksonville likely contained images of child pornography. Using information obtained during the investigation, an AGO investigator obtained a search warrant and executed the warrant at this residence on the morning of February 13, 2007. At that time, Piasecki and another individual, both of whom resided at the apartment, were present.

Also according to the plea agreement, during the execution of the warrant, an onsite image scan was conducted of Piasecki's computer by an AGO investigator. During the scan, the investigator identified and reviewed several videos depicting minors engaged in

sexually explicit conduct. This image scan showed that two videos depicting child pornography had been accessed as recently as the evening of February 12, 2007, the night before the execution of the search warrant. A subsequent forensic analysis of Piasecki's computer revealed at least 11 videos depicting child pornography. Also according to the plea agreement, after being advised of his constitutional rights, Piasecki stated that he had searched for child pornography on the Internet.

The case was investigated by the Child Predator CyberCrime Unit of the State of Florida Attorney General's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney D. Rodney Brown.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney's Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information on Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

The Florida Attorney General's Child Predator CyberCrime Unit is a member of the North Florida Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, a federally funded program working nationwide to educate and support law enforcement to stop these crimes, and the FBI Cyber Taskforce in Jacksonville.